Psychology

Introduction

The discipline of Psychology is the systematic study of thought, emotions and behavior of human beings. The B.A. in Psychology at UW-Stout has, as an overriding goal, a focus on application of theories, methods and concepts for the improved condition of people in a variety of environments. The program has been designed to adhere to the American Psychological Association standards for undergraduate education that emphasizes the scientific aspects of the profession as well as the liberal arts goals of Psychology. Students acquire competencies that lead to employment wherever psychology is applied in education institutions, public and private agencies, business and industry. In addition to the major study, all students are expected to develop literacy in the arts, humanities, natural sciences and social sciences. Each student is also expected to develop and demonstrate effective communication and quantitative skills as a part of the program's requirements.

Students are guided and assisted in developing a personal program plan centered on their individual needs and career goals. With careful planning, students may include self-planned concentrations with a more focused emphasis in one of a variety of unique career paths in psychology. Students entering the program should realize that they may need to obtain graduate level education or other advanced training for certain careers as practicing professional psychologists.

General Requirements
Bachelor of Arts Degree

Total for graduation	120 credits
General Education	42 credits
Major Studies	40 credits
Minor or second area of depth	13-22 credits
Additional Liberal Studies Requirement	14 credits
Electives	6 credits

Students must attain a minimum grade point average of 2.25 in required courses for the major and a minimum grade point average of 2.5 in other courses for the major.

Program Requirements

General Education

42 credits required

A. Communication Skills — 8 credits

ENGL-101	Freshman English – Composition *or*	
ENGL-111	Freshman English – Honors I	3
ENGL-102	Freshman English – Reading and Related Writing *or*	
ENGL-112	Freshman English – Honors II	3
SPCOM-100	Fundamentals of Speech	2

B. Analytic Reasoning — 6 credits

STAT-130	Elementary Statistics (*or more advanced*)	2
STAT-120	Introductory College Mathematics I (*or more advanced*)	4

C. Health and Physical Education — 2 credits

Courses must be from areas of health, physical education or nutrition.

D. Humanities and the Arts — 9 credits

Courses must be from three or more areas including art history, creative arts, foreign language and culture, history, literature, music appreciation, performing arts and philosophy.

E. Social and Behavioral Sciences — 9 credits

Courses must be from three or more areas including anthropology, economics, geography, political science, psychology and sociology.

F. Natural Sciences (with Lab) — 4 credits

G. Technology — 2 credits

H. General Education Electives — 2 Credits

Courses must come from categories A, B, D, E and F.

Major Studies

42 credits required

Required Courses — 20 credits

PSYC-110	General Psychology	3
PSYC-190	Psychological Research Methods	4
PSYC-210	Introduction to Applied Psychology	3
PSYC-390	Experimental Psychology	4
PSYC-320	Psychology: Its History and Systems	3
PSYC-290	Interpreting Psychological Research	3

Psychology Domains — 11-12 credits

Select at least one course from each domain:

Learning and Cognition

PSYC-451	Children's Learning	3
PSYC-330	Psychology of Learning	3
PSYC-442	Cognitive Processes	3

Individual Differences, Personality, Social Processes

PSYC-XXX	Personality	3
PSYC-270	Social Cognition and Behavior	3
PSYC-340	Psychology of Individual & Group Differences	3
PSYC-490	Psychological Measurement	3

Biological Bases

PSYC-432	Perception	3
BIO-361	Psychobiology	2
PSYC-335	Motivation and Emotion	3
PSYC-391	Applied Psychophysiological Methods	3

Developmental

PSYC-120	Psychology of Adjustment	3
PSYC-251	Child Psychology	3
PSYC-351	Childrenís Social Reasoning	3
PSYC-352	Adolescent Psychology	3
PSYC-372	Psychology of Sex and Gender	3

Applied — 3-6 credits

Consult with advisor for current list of selectives.

Experiential — 2 credits

PSYC-X49	Cooperative Education Experience in Psychology	1-8
PSYC-X98	Psychology Field Experience	2
PSYC-480	Individual Research Project I and	
PSYC-481	Individual Research Project II	1
PSYC-X99	Independent Study**	2-3

***Must involve research and be approved by the advisor as meeting the requirement of this category.*

Psychology Selectives

Selectives sufficient to meet minimum of credits for the major.

PSYC-100	Psychology Semester I – Foundations	1
XXX-XXX	Selectives	

Consult with advisor for current listing of selectives.

Minor or Second Area of Depth

13-22 credits required

Students are expected to take a minor, specialization or self-planned concentration. The self-planned concentration (22-credit minimum) allows students to select course work and learning experiences that relate to a particular area of interest, and must be planned with an adviser and approved by a committee of at least three persons designated by the Psychology Program Committee.

Additional Liberal Studies Requirements

8 credits required

Select 5 credits from the following:

BIO-XXX	*Any Biology*	1-4
CHEM-XXX	*Any Chemistry*	1-5
PHYS-XXX	*Any Physics*	1-5

Select 3 credits from the following:

ENGL-XXX	*Any Writing*	1-3

Electives

6 credits required